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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 27th-July, through Sunday, 3rd-August there were 210 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9C, VP2E, VP2V, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XX9, YA, YB, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

9Y, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Jim, N6TJ, will be active as 9Y4W from Scar- borough, **Tobago Island (SA-009**, WLOTA 0412), during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band

(??m) entry. QSL via DFL4MDO, direct or by the Bureau.

AH0/KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

By the time you read this, operators Kuny/7L1FPU (AH0BT) and his son Yoshiki/JF1UCV (KH0UA) (14 yrs old) will be finishing up their activity on Mariana Island (August 4th). Operations were expected to be on the HF bands. **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING QSL ROUTES** (direct address have been changed in 2014):
QSL AH0BT: By the JA Bureau (via 7L1FPU), LoTW or direct (w/2USDs+SAE) to:
Kuniyoshi Nakada, ML9292, 2-14-8, Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, 104-0061, JAPAN

QSL KH0UA: By the JA Bureau (via JF1UCV) or (w/2USDs+SAE) to:
Yoshiki Nakada, ML9292, 2-14-8, Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, 104-0061, JAPAN

C8, MOZAMIQUE

Operators Arnold/WB6OJB and Frosty/K5LBU, will be active as C81AK and C81CF, respectively from Tenda Tora Lodge in Bilene (about 180K North of Maputo) between August 25th and September 2nd. They will have 2 rigs. Arnold, WB6OJB/C81AK, will be using a Kenwood TS-590 with a Expert 1K-FA amp into a NA4RR hex beam at about 40 feet. Frosty, K5LBU/ C81CF, will be using a Yaesu FT-450 with 100 watts into a R7 vertical. Operations will be on 40-10 meters. Arnold will be operating on SSB and some CW, while Frosty will be operating on some PSK and possibly RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns and LoTW.

CO7, CUBA (60m)

Pavel, CO7WT, informs OPDX that Cuba has recently started to emit licenses on 60m, and he has his on hand. He also states that he is now on vacation until August 19th, and he intends to be around on the air between 2330z-0100z (Cuba's sunset). He plans to transmit on the Cuba segment between 5418-5430 kHz (most of the time on 5425 kHz, USB), listening on one of the USA channels per his instructions. Pavel also mentions that he is now accepting schedules via his E-mail (see **QRZ.com**). Activity will be on 40-10 meters during the day/night and holiday style. QSL via N2CQ.

D44, CAPE VERDE

Carlo, ON4BR, will be active as D44TLO from Windward Islands (aka Barlavento) between August 16-23rd. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW. QSL via his home callsign.

E2, THAILAND

Champ, E21EIC, informs OPDX that he received the special permit/license E2A contest callsign from NBTC which is good until December 31st, 2014, but he can renew it every year. He hopes to use this callsign in the upcoming Worked All Europe (WAE) DX CW Contest (August 9-10th) from Bangkok. QSLs must be requested via the OQRS on ClubLog or via E21EIC and LoTW.
ADDED NOTE: Champ mentioned that "100Watts Magazine" also received the special contest callsign E2C (Operator is Part, E20PFE). Thailand now has four active 1x1 callsigns, and they are E2A, E2C, E2E and E2X.

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS

Juan, EA8RM, will be active as EF8U from the Las Palmas Contest Club radio station (EA8URL) on Gran Canaria Island (AF-004) during the CQWW DX CW (November 29-30th)

as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to EA8URE.

ERTC 2014 FINAL RESULTS ARE NOW PUBLIC (Press Release)

Martti, OH2BH, sent out the following on July 28th [edited]:

> Congratulations to Czech Republic Team of Sarka, OK2SVA (21); Jindrich, OK1NOR (24) and Jan "Honza", OK1JD (20).
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> ETRC 2014 (European Radiosport Team Championship), the youth version of WRTC 2014, was held in Virrat, Finland. one week after the Boston WRTC event with 15 three-person youth teams seated in one room in front of their computers and connected to the global Amateur Radio simulator over the internet, all in Virtual Reality. Once again, the latest technology was utilized in Amateur Radio for the benefit of Amateur Radio's future and by Amateur Radio operators themselves.
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> In total, ERTC 2014 activated hundreds of young people and licensed radio amateurs in full harmony within the participating 44 countries. ERTC 2014 was a huge success bringing youth and seasoned hams together around the same fireworks in the spirit of international Amateur Radio.
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> But Mother Nature added to the excitement as a thunderstorm knocked off electricity in the area and power was restored only 5 minutes prior to the start of the contest. It was a Le Mans type of hectic start leaving many teams in the starting grid. The Head Judge, Hans, PB2T, President of IARU Region 1, ruled the first 22 minutes out to give a level playing field to those slow in booting their contest machines and putting their racing helmets on.
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> When the dust had settled, the following three teams stood on the podium with their medals:
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> **GOLD MEDAL, CZECH REPUBLIC:** Sarka Vavrova, OK2SVA (21); Jindrich Kostal, OK1NOR (24) and Jan “Honza” Dohnalek, OK1JD (20)
> **SILVER MEDAL, ITALY:** Nicola Tonci, IZ6TSA (20); Gabry Iuliani, IT9RGY (26) and Orazio Intagliata, IT9DBF (25)
> **BRONZE MEDAL, ESTONIA:** Keijo Kapp, ES1XQ (17); Tauri Helimets, ES5HTA (29) and Keven Mekk, ES6AXS (18)
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> As Silver and Bronze teams were less than three multipliers apart, the fact that the S/W platform (HamSphere 3.0) used in the contest logged all QSOs into the system, gave the organizers full confidence in verifying each station and their exchange. Only seven (7) multiplier uniques were found in the database and they did not affect the final rankings.
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> WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT ERTC CONTINENTAL WINNERS
> Europe: Gaudentas Mozura, LY3BHY
> Asia: Faisal Al-Ajmi, 9K2RR
> South America: Jairo Ramos Sansone, PU3JAI
> Oceania: Eko, 91HS576 (Central Java, Indonesia)

Africa: Tarek Zeidan, SU1TZ
North America: ARRL Centennial, W100AW*

* W100AW was activated by Martti Laine, OH2BH, as part of the ARRL Centennial celebrations in Hartford, Connecticut. Thanks (K1ZZ) and congratulations to the American Radio Relay League.

YOTA 2014 & ERTC 2014
ERTC 2014 was part of a European wide youth gathering known as Youngsters On The Air (YOTA) which is held every year in different European Union countries under EU and International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) sponsorship with the aim of bringing youth together in the spirit of cultural exchange and learning from one another in all segments of Amateur Radio, science and electronics. This year fifteen EU countries were represented. ERTC also brought young people together globally over the internet, using Amateur Radio simulation software on a shared platform - all in the natural hangout of today's youth.

HAMSPHERE (HS) PLATFORM
HS is an Amateur Radio (AR) simulation software package giving a hands-on opportunity to youngsters who wish to experience AR in its natural setting while still busy with their studies and not able to take a ham exam or to invest in actual AR equipment. HS coexists with real AR with true propagation science, QSL collection and a variety of contest formats and related equipment. It offers an experience which will encourage young people to study for a ham license and thus enter our wonderful world of Amateur Radio. The latest breakthrough in the simulation software features real-time propagation and system integrated logging, instant QSLing and awards. **www.hamsphere.com/23_31496_read.html**

ERTC 2014 PATRON
The ERTC 2014 event was honored to have Professor Rumen Gechev, LZ1MS, of WRTC 1990 fame as patron of this first-ever Amateur Radio-like WRTC simulation over the internet. Rumen himself finished 4th in 1990 in the first WRTC held in Seattle, WA. He has subsequently proceeded with life with a highly impressive career as Bulgarian Deputy Prime Minister and currently as Professor in Economics and Sustained Development at the University of National and Word Economy in Sofia, Bulgaria, adding to his Visiting Professor duties at many leading universities. Rumen has not lost interest in Amateur Radio and he was active during ERTC 2014 giving an LZ multiplier to many participating youth teams – including his own Team Bulgaria.

SCORES OF TOP SIX ERTC STATIONS

TEAM	CALLSIGN	CONTACTS	MULT	ACCURACY	SCORE
1: Czech Rep.	OJ45OK	157	61	0.1%	430,172
2: Italy	OJ78IT	166	60	0.5%	397,914
3: Estonia	OJ56ES	159	57	0.1%	382,838
4: Slovakia	OJ37OM	138	60	0.7%	350,584
5: Croatia	OJ349A	154	41	1.0%	341,682
6: UK	OJ54UK	142	48	0.6%	325,185

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PICTURES, CLARIFICATIONS, TEAM & TECHNICAL INTERVIEWS etc:
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ERTC 2014: Martti Laine, OH2BH, ERTC Coordinator **martti.laine@kolumbus.fi**

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA

Pete, K8PGJ, will be active as FO/K8PGJ from **Bora Bora (OC-067**, DIFO FO-003, WLOTA 0430) between February 15-24th (2015). Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

GJ0/MJ0, JERSEY

Operators Jan/DJ8NK (GJ0VNK) and Paul/F6EXV (MJ0EXV) will be active from Jersey Island between August 8-12th. Activity will be on all bands 160-6 meters (possibly 60m) using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via their home callsigns, direct and by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW.

IOTA NEWS

AS-064. A team of Russia operators will be activating **Karaginsky Island** (RR-12-03, RDA KT-11) between August 21-28th. The group announced this past week that since the callsign block (for RI0Z, which was their first announced callsign) no longer belongs to Karaginsky, they will now use (and have received) the callsign RI0X for this DXpedition. The callsign is good between August 18th and October 10th. A new Web page will replace http://ri0z.org with **http://ri0x.org**. This island has not been activated for more than 15 years. Operators mentioned are Vasily/RA1ZZ, Valery/ UA0ZC, Aleksandr/RA3AV, Adrey/R9XC and Avinir/UA1ZZ. For logistics and their QSL Manager is Viktop, UA3AKO. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, including 30/17/12m (possibly 160m) using CW and SSB.

AS-173. Operators Arasu/VU2UR (CW), Laxman/VU2LX (CW), Ramesh/VU2LU (SSB/Digi), Govind/VU2GGM (SSB/Digi) and Lion/VU2JHM will be active as AT5RP from **Pamban Island** between August 13-17th. They also plan to activate the Pamban Channel Lighthouse (ARLHS IND-048), Rameswaram Lighthouse (ARLHS IND-058) and the Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park (VUFF-030). Operations will be on the recommend IOTA and WWFF frequencies using CW and SSB. QSL via VU2LU. For more details and updates, see **QRZ.com** under AT5RP.

NA-007. By the time you read this, Mike, VE2XB, will be finishing his VY0BRR operation from Cape Dorset on **Nottingham Island** (August 4th). Activity is expected on 160-17 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign (w/SASE 2 IRCs or 2 USDs). For more details and updates, see: **http://www.vy0brr.jimdo.com**

NA-014. Mike, KI1U, will be active as KI1U/VE9 from **Grand Manan Island**, New Brunswick, between September 10-14th. Most activity will be on the HF bands with a focus on CW and the Digital modes. He will also be in the September VHF Contest from WW Loc. FN64. As an ARRL HQ staffer, he is worth 50 points for the ARRL Centennial QSO Party. Since he is operating from another DXCC entity, these QSOs will count in addition to the ones made in the U.S., so be sure to log him for another 50 points! LoTW is the preferred method for QSLs. If you need a card, QSL to his home callsign with SASE or 2 greenstamps for DX or by the Bureau.

NA-198. Larry, K4KGG, is now active as K4KGG/VO1 from **Fogo Island** until August 5th. Activity is on the HF bands using SSB and possibly RTTY. QSL via K4KGG.

OC-210. Operators Din/YB8RW, Donny/YB8SX, Lambert/YC8RLM, Ron/YC8ROP, Novilius/YC8UNT, Ferdy/YD8SPD and Arnol/YC8TDK will be active as homecall/p from **Karakitang Island** between August 5-8th. QSL via YB9BU.

SA-090. Members of the "Grupo DX Caracas" radio club will be active as YW6X from **Islas Piritu** (ARLHS VEN-046, WLOTA LH3032) between November 7-9th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via DM4TI.

OX, GREENLAND

Daniel, OX5T, is now QRT as of July 6th from Sisimuit, north of Polarcirkel. His new QTH will be Qaqortoq (South Greenland) -- Look for more details on **QRZ.com** (under his callsign) after August 15th. ADDED NOTE: Daniel is/was active as OX3KQ from Kangerlussuaq this past week (August 1-4th). QSL via OZ0J.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN

Rich, KB5FLA, is now active as PJ7/KB5FLA from **Sint Maarten (NA-105)** until August 12th. Activity will be holiday style on 40 and 20 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, LoTW or eQSL.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 4-10th)

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Aug/04th AN      Aug/07th  AN      Aug/09th  AN
Aug/05th AN      Aug/08th  AN      Aug/10th  AN
Aug/06th AN

  SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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   NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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  AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
  HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
  LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
  BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
  DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
  VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm K=6-9        100-400
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QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (July 27th and August 3rd)
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3Z50AYP via SP7DQR       HG5FIRAC via HA5BSW      PQ5M via PP5BZ
4W/NB3MM via IZ8CCW/YB3MM HI3CC via W2CCW (*)     PU22YZP via W2CCW
9A/IK6VXO via IK6VXO     HI3EPR via HI3EPR (d/L)  R14CWC via eQSL only
9A/OM8AA via OM8AA       HI3TT via W2CCW (*)      R150LB via RA0TG
9H3AY via G3SDG          HQ8D via KD4POJ          R300G via RV1AQ
A61Q via EA7FTR          I8/IU2BLF via IU2BLF     R300GV via RQ1AP
AM05HJY via EA7HBC       IS0/DL8JJ/M via DL8JJ    R310A via R1BAL
AM05IDQ via EA5IDQ       IS0/IK1TTD via IK1TTD    RZ37ZF via RV9CVA
AM05RKE via LX1CX        JT1AA/3 via JT1AA        SC14WNC via SM5YMS (e)
AM05XA via EA5XA         KH0UA via JF1UCV         SN0MPW via SP5PEP
BV0L via (BV-B)          KL7RRC via N7RO          SN1944PW via SP5ZIP
BY1WJ via BA1AK          KL7SB via NI5DX          SP/IZ2IUT via IZ2IUT
C6ATW via N0TW           LA/F5BLC/P via F5BLC     SV2/HG8Z via HA8UT
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DU1/JA3FJE via JN3VQM    LI2HFA via LA2HFA        SV8/HG0R via HA0NAR
DU7/PA0HIP via PA0HIP    LI5TFA via LA5TFA        SV8/OM6NM via OM6NM
E7/DK8KX via DK8KX       LZ1680MTS via LZ1KCP     TC10SWAT via TC10SWAT
EA2/F5SUL via F5SUL      MM3N via GM4SID          TI4/N0URE via N0URE
EA3/PD2RKG via PD2RKG    MU/OK1FZM via OK1FZM     TJ3TS via PA3249 (d/PA-B)
EA8/DL3GCS via DL3GCS    N4N via KA4WJR (d)       TM100BS via F5KOU
EA8/EA1CY via EA1CY (d)  NH0/N8TEY via JE1UFF     TM100LGG via F4GRW
EA8/IK2EGL via IK2EGL (d/L) OD5ARMY via OD5NJ     TM14DAY via F8EMH
EG8FVC via  EA8URV       OE/DM5TI/P via DM5TI (d/L) TM14JAM via F5OWK
EJ0PL via EI5JQ          OE/DO1BEN via DO1BEN     TM2K via F1UVN
EJ1Y via EI5JQ           OE2WURZL14via OE1EOA     TZ6BB via W3HNK (L)
EJ3Z via EI6GGB          OE9/HB9JOE via HB9JOE    UN7TW via EA7FTR
ES0U via ES2DJ           OG300G via OG2K          V85/YO8RCW via YO8RCW
F/IU0BMX via F6KOP       OM70SNP via OM7AW        VA3DYD/HR3 via VA3DYD
F/PA2M via PA2M          OP14L via ON6DP          VA3DYD/HR3 via VA3DYD
FR/TU5KG via F4DXW       OQ5M via ON5ZO (L/e)     VP2V/K6TOP via K6TOP
GA14CG via GM6NX         OX5T via OZ0J            W4A via KD8IGK
GB100GW via G3UFO        OZ/DL5CW via DL5CW       YJ0GA via ZL3GA
GM0SDV via RW6HS (d)     PA/DL1KVN/P via DL1KVN   ZC4MIS via AG6IP (d)
HB0/DG2RON/P via DG2RON  PA1914WAR via PA5V       ZW8T via PS8HF
HG3M via HA3MY           PI9SRS via PA3DHR        ZY8D via PS8AB (d)
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (L) LoTW only
  (O) OQRS only  (C) ClubLog only  (*) New Manager
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SX8SA via SV1JG. Activity from Salamina Island (EU-075) during the RSGB IOTA Contest last weekend by operators SV1JG, SV1RP, SV1PMR and guest operator SV1GE and SV1EJD.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4O7CC, DS5DNO/P, DS5QLJ/P, EA7AHA, HC2AO, HS0ZKX, J48TSL, JA2MOG, LZ1810PPW, OH5TS, SV2DGH, TF/G3TXF, VP5/I8NHJ, YT9M, ZL7/OE2SNL and ZS8Z

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: A92HK, EX8MAT, FT5ZM, KP2/K3TEJ, MD/DL9BBE, VK6FZM/mm, YV1GFT and ZF35EJ

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4X/UT5UGR, 4X0W, 5B/R2DX/M, 5B7W2TAA, 7O6T, 8N4HQ, A65CA, D2QMN, D3AA, DU1IST, EA8/UT4TA, JD1BMH, R0FA, R000O, R20RRC, R20RRC/1, R20RRC/3, R20RRC/6, R27CGY, R400L, R661PP, R70SM, R76M/MM, R863LK, RA27AR, RC110RAEM, RI1ANP, RK110RAEM, RL9I, RP68GD, RT9K/P, RU27ON, RW110RAEM, SV9/EM5F, T32B, TA4/US7IGN, UE75L, UK/UA1ZEY, VK7GN/2, VX2I, XE1REF, YV7/UX4UL and YW200T

SPANISH TOUR (Europe/South America) [Reminder/Update]

Just a reminder that Byron, KF8UN, will be traveling and operating from three Spanish speaking countries. Activity will be on 40-15 meters, possibly other bands because he is using a G5RV. His tentative schedule is as follows:

> **August 3-8th -- Callsign KF8UN/EA1** near Segovia, Spain.
> **August 13-23rd -- Callsign KF8UN/LU** in Argentina and KF8UN/PY in Brazil. He plans on visiting the Province of Jujuy, Buenos Aires, and Misiones in Argentina, as well as spending sometime at Iguazu Falls.

QSL via his home callsign direct.

SV9, CRETE

Christo, LZ3FN, will once again be active as SV9/LZ3FN from **Crete (EU-015**, GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA 1400) between August 24th and September 7th. Activity will be on all bands, mainly CW. He plans to partially operate in the YO DX HF Contest (August 30-31st). QSL via LZ1PM.

VE2, CANADA (Zone 2)

Operator Yuri, VE3DZ, will once again be active as VE2IM from Sept-Iles, QC (Zone 2), during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power. Yuri states that he will be there for 1 week (dates not provided). This is his 19th trip to Zone 2 since 1999. Activity before and after the contest will be on CW, SSB and RTTY, and all HF bands including the 30/17/12 meter bands. QSL via VE3DZ, direct or by the VE3DZ OQRS. He usually uploads to the LoTW.

VP5, TURKS CAICOS

Dr. Bill, K9HZ, is now active as VP5/K9HZ from the Turks and Caicos Islands until August 17th. He told OPDX Sunday morning that they are currently in the middle of tropical storm Bertha. He also mentioned, "I usually check the band conditions and then post a revised schedule daily out on QRZ.com (under VP5/K9HZ)." Otherwise, activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and possibly some RTTY. His pilot station is John, W0PV. QSL via K9HZ, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

VK0H, HEARD ISLAND (Press Release - New Radio Team Leaders Announced)

The following was sent out and posted on the VK0EK Web page [edited]:

> "We are pleased to announce that we have made an informal agreement with Wayne Mills, N7NG, and Martti Laine, OH2BH, to lead the Heard Island radio team. They will have complete authority and responsibility to build the team, interface with the DXing community, manage radio operations on Heard Island, and other matters relating to the radio part of the expedition. Matters that concern the entire expedition such as safety, schedule, vessel, logistics, communications, facilities, and finances remain the responsibility of the Expedition Leader, Robert Schmieder. A formal agreement will be completed in the near future that specifies these various roles and responsibilities. We will provide more information as we move forward, and in the meantime we invite you to leave your feedback in this blog." The 2016 Heard Island VK0EK DXpedition Web page can be see at: **http://vk0ek.org**

VK9MT PRESS RELEASE (Mellish Reef DX-pedition Financial Summary)

Gene, K5GS, VK9MT Treasurer, sent out the following:

> As promised, we are publishing our DX-pedition's financial summary to club and foundation donors.
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> There have been many discussions and questions on various Internet forums regarding DX-pedition funding. Questions generally included:
> - how is the money spent

- how are spending decisions made
- what is each team member's investment
- what happens to surplus funds, (if any)

Journeys to uninhabited and/or remote islands that require a boat or airplane charter will continue to be expensive. The greater DX community needs more awareness of DX-pedition financing.

Like all DX-peditions, VK9MT established and managed a detailed budget. Requests for Price were sent to suppliers for major purchases and reviewed with the team. Our Advance Team included the 2 team leaders and the Treasurer, all local purchases were closely monitored and logged.

While there will always be surprises, we felt the project came together very well. Attached for your information is our financial summary. We appreciate your support and the support we received from manufacturers and retailers.

We're looking forward to our next project.

VK9MT Mellish Reef 2014 Financial Summary
(US Dollars)

As promised during the fundraising phase of the VK9MT Mellish Reef 2014 DX-pedition we are submitting this financial summary to each organization that made a donation to our DX-pedition.

Team Payment @ $12,000 per person x 11	$132,000
Donations Clubs / Foundations	$27,033
Individual and OQRS Donations	$13,280
Sale of Surplus Equipment	$4,127
Total income	$176,440
Total DX-pedition Cost:	$143,371
Surplus	$33,069 divided by 11 ops
Refund to each operator	$3,006
Major expenses included:	
Boat/Freight/Local Transportation	$115,241
Power Grid/Generators	$5,048
Coax/Antennas	$3,741
Generator fuel/oil	$2,323
Tents/Sanitation	$2,015
QSLs by Tim, M0URX at no cost to VK9MT	

The project cost was close to our estimate with the only exceptions being a stronger than budgeted New Zealand Dollar (the boat was billed in NZD) and freight charges from and to the USA.

Each team member paid their own Australia travel/living expenses. However, we did reimburse a portion of the advance team's hotel and meal expenses for their early arrival in Australia

where they accepted the shipments, tested equipment and loaded the boat.

We appreciate the support of the 52 organizations, over 360 individual DXers that made, or committed, a donation during the project and those that made a donation via OQRS. We are pleased to report that all committed donations were received.....

Prepared by: Gene Spinelli, K5GS, Treasurer
July 29, 2014

W9DXCC (Early Registration Deadline Has Ended)

The early registration deadline for the 2014 W9DXCC convention and banquet has ended as of August 1st. After August 1st, registration fees increase, so please register right away! Online registration is available at:

http://www.w9dxcc.com/registration.html
-- (PayPal is accepted)

For 2014, W9DXCC has moved to a significantly larger facility, the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL. The 2014 program includes a full day of DX University on Friday, Sept. 19th, and an expanded DX program on Saturday, Sept. 20th. This year's program includes FT5ZM by K0IR, Topband on Wake and Amsterdam by K9CT, and much more, including hospitality suites, prizes and vendor displays! K5UR, ARRL First Vice-President, will be the banquet speaker. Special W9DXCC hotel rates are available Thursday through Saturday. Complete details are available at **http://www.w9dxcc.com/**.

W9DXCC is sponsored by the Northern Illinois DX Association **www.nidxa.org**.
For more information on W9DXCC, please contact **casey@w9lp.com**.

XR0, EASTER ISLAND (Change)

We know that by the time you read this that the operation by operators Cristian/CE2WTF and Manuel/CE2NTT will be over from **Isla de Pascua (SA-001)**. Manuel informed OPDX just before their activity that their special callsigns for this operation were changed to the following:

CE2NTT - XR0YG / 3G0YG / CB0YG (not the suffix YNTT)
CE2WTF - XR0YH / 3G0YH / CB0YH (not the suffix YWTF)

Look for details and updates on: **http://www.ce2ntt.blogspot.com**

XW, LAOS

Champ, E21EIC, will once again be active as XW1IC (ex-XW0YJY) from Vientiane until August 8th. QSLs must be requested via the OQRS on ClubLog or via E21EIC and LoTW.

YB9, INDONESIA (Update/IPA & IOTA Op)

Gabor, HA3JB, will be on another International Police Association and IOTA expedition to Indonesia between September 25th and October 7th. Using the callsign YB9/HA3JB, he plans to activate **Lombok Island (OC-150)** and **Bali Island (OC-022)**. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. He also plans to be in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 27-28th). QSL via HA3JB (see details on **QRZ.com** -- OQRS available via PayPal

[see Web page]). Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog. QSL cards will be valid for all IPA Award, including the HA-IPARC Award. For more details, see HA3JB's Web page (new) at:

http://www.ha3jb.com/yb9-ha3jb.html

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND

Steve, G3ZVW, will once again be active as ZD8N from Georgetown between August 21-29th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Look for him during the evenings, early mornings, and over the weekend. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS

Pete, K8PGJ, will once again be active as ZF2PG on the sunny **Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016)** during January-February (2015), especially for the NAQP Contest between January 10-18th. Activity when not diving will occur on 10 thru 20 meters SSB during the morning and afternoons on weekdays, and he hopes one night on 40 thru 160 meters. LoTW will be utilized and QSL to his home callsign.

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